

“HOW TO SLAY A GIANT” – I Samuel 17

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I. What are some questions we should consider?

1. Have you ever had to face a major obstacle in your life?
2. Where do you gain strength when facing major challenges?
3. Do you feel like God has given you what it takes to be victorious?
4. Have you ever survived a near death experience?
5. Are you able to see why God has positioned you in certain places?
6. Have you ever had someone question your ability?
7. Has God ever shifted you from the background to the front?
8. Have you ever had to fight a battle without the support of other people?

II. Who are some Biblical characters that have had to overcome GIANTS?

1. Moses had Pharaoh & the Red Sea
2. Joshua had the Jordan River
3. Sarah, Hannah, & Elizabeth had bareness
4. Jesus had the Pharisees & Sadducees

III. What should we know about the writer Samuel?

1. Born to Hannah who was barren & couldn't have children
2. Vowed to never cut his hair as a commitment to God
3. Appointed the last judge and first 2 kings of Israel

IV. David had people “Question his Qualifications”

1. Eliab questioned David's EXISTENCE (v.28)
2. Saul questioned David's EXPERIENCE (v.33)
3. Goliath questioned David's ability to EXECUTE him (v.43-44)

V. What did David do?

1. Stuck with his assignment (v.15)
2. Sought to be obedient (v.17-18)
3. Supported others behind the scenes
4. Shouted out a war cry (v.20)
5. Sensed the fear of others (v.24)
6. Saw a need that wasn't being met (v.26-28)
7. Suppressed others discrediting him (v.28, 33)
8. Stepped up and offered to fight (v.32)
9. Spoke about his past victories w/ God (v.34-36)
10. Sacrificed his life to free others (v.37)
11. Shed Saul's armor and was secure with his own tools (v.38 & 39)
12. Supplied himself with a staff, 5 stones, a shepherd's bag, & a sling (v.40)
13. Stood spiritually on his faith in God (v.45-47)
14. Solved the problem and did not run from the problem (v.48-49)
15. Succeeded in slaughtering a giant with a sling & a stone (v.50)
16. Shocked, stunned, and surprised everyone with a major victory over the Giant (v.55-58)